

# ERIE EDITION

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## ERIE ELECTION UPDATE

ERIE VOTERS TO ELECT MAYOR, 3 TRUSTEES AND DECIDE  
2 BALLOT QUESTIONS ON APRIL 3, 2012

**T**he Town of Erie will conduct its Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 as a mail ballot election. The Mayor, who serves a two year term, is up for election. Members of the Board of Trustees serve four-year staggered terms; three out of the six Trustees are up for election.

The Board of Trustees approved two Ballot Questions for the April 3, 2012 Regular Municipal Election. Ballot Question 2A seeks an extension (until December 31, 2024) of the Trails, Natural Areas, and Community Character Measure without increasing taxes. Ballot Question 2B seeks authorization for the sale of a parcel of Town-owned land in the Northridge subdivision.



REGULAR  
MUNICIPAL  
ELECTION  
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Ballots will be mailed to all active, registered voters on March 16, 2012. Registered voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail may request one from the Erie Town Clerk's Office. Voters may mail their ballot via the U.S. Postal Service or may drop off their ballot at Town Hall any time during normal business hours (8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday) and 7:00am to 7:00pm on Election Day. Ballots must be received by 7:00pm on Election Day.

### IN ORDER TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN ERIE, YOU MUST BE:

- 18 years of age by Election Day
- Resident in the Town of Erie 30 days before the election
- Registered voter 29 days before the election in the appropriate county in Erie
- U.S. Citizen

### 2012 ELECTION CALENDAR:

**MAR 5:** Last day to register to vote  
**MAR 16:** Ballots mailed  
**APR 3:** Election Day

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View the list of all Mayoral and Trustee candidates as well as the complete language for Ballot Question 2A and 2B on the Town's Election & Voter Information webpage at [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov) or contact Erie Town Clerk Nancy Parker at 303-926-2731 or [nparker@erieco.gov](mailto:nparker@erieco.gov).



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Erie Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Town Hall boardroom located at 645 Holbrook Street. Contact the Board via email at [bot@erieco.gov](mailto:bot@erieco.gov) or through the Town Clerk's Office at 303-926-2731. The Trustees' individual email addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

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# ERIE OPTIMISM!

## A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON



**N**owhere else offers the kind of opportunity or quality that our town does. This is a community that is most often defined in the following terms: Fun, vibrant, friendly, innovative, beautiful views, sports enthusiastic, high quality of life, opportunity, good investment, great amenities, business friendly, great schools, parks and trails and great neighbors.

market affordability considers a total of Payment + taxes). If taxes are high, there is less home budget for the payment. Many of you have noticed that your taxes actually dropped 17 mills. More efficiency in government, balanced budgets and policies promoting economic growth in our area mean less tax burden on the individual and greater community value.

## "WE ARE SETTING STANDARDS FOR INNOVATION AND EFFICIENCY THAT OTHER CITIES NOW TAKE NOTICE OF..."

We are truly blessed to live in a place as amazing as Erie.

We are emerging as a regional leader, too. At the government level, we are setting standards for innovation and efficiency that other cities now take notice of and (in several cases) imitate!

Here's more good news; Erie property values are ticking up and taxes are ticking down! That's right, sale data shows that Erie commercial and residential sales are gaining strength. Those values are aided by lower taxes (since

Erie opportunity: As we speak, we are in talks with 2 premium grocers, a specialized sports medical center and some very fun and well known retailers, all of whom are considering investing in Erie and becoming a part of our economic and employment base. They see our commitment to quality, financial stability, excellent citizen demographics, and common sense policy as an opportunity to be part of something terrific...a future in Erie!

Optimism, innovation, quality of life and opportunity... "Your future is here" is more than a tag line, it's a wonderful reality.

Mayor Joe Wilson



### TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2012

General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04\*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44\*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.858 (\$163.20\*) \*Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2012 would be \$477.68.



# SPRING CLEAN-UP

## TWO GREAT WAYS TO GET RID OF UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

The Town of Erie Department of Public Works is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley and the Denver Regional Landfill to assist residents in disposing of unwanted household items, building materials and yard waste during the 7th Annual Town of Erie Spring Clean-Up set for Saturday, May 5, 2012.

### DROP OFF UNWANTED ITEMS AND YARD WASTE AT DENVER REGIONAL LANDFILL:

The Denver Regional Landfill, located at 1441 Weld County Road 6 in Erie, will accept large household items and yard waste from 7:00am to 2:00pm. Residents may dispose of any large household items as well as tree limbs or other yard waste FREE OF CHARGE. The entrance to the Denver Regional Landfill is located on Weld County Road 5 south of Weld County Road 6. Residents must show either a Town of Erie water bill or driver's license with an Erie address as proof of residency.

#### Please note the following:

- All loads must be covered
- All loads must be level with bed of the Truck and/or Trailer
- Construction materials such as roofing shingles, concrete, and framing materials could be subject to charges
- Items that will not be accepted include hazardous materials such as refrigerators, car batteries, tires, and paint.

### DONATE USED HOME SUPPLIES AND BUILDING MATERIALS TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley will have a collection center set

up at the Leon A. Wurl Service Center located at 150 Bonnell Avenue in Erie from 7:00am to 2:00pm. The service center is located one half mile east of E. County Line Road on the south side of Bonnell. Town of Erie Department of Public Works staff will be on site to assist residents with unloading donation items. Residents must show either a Town of Erie water bill or driver's license with an Erie address as proof of residency. All donations must be clean and in working order. All donations must be approved by Habitat for Humanity staff and are accepted at their discretion.

#### Below is a partial list of accepted items:

- Remodeling and Building Materials
- Furniture
- Lawn & Garden
- Wall Coverings
- Large Appliances
- Small Appliances
- House Wares
- Window Hardware
- Heating & Cooling
- Sporting Goods
- Aluminum Cans
- Motor Vehicles
- Scrap Metal
- Ranch Supplies

To view Habitat for Humanity's complete Material Donation Overview, please visit [www.LongmontReStore.webs.com](http://www.LongmontReStore.webs.com).

ERIE  
SPRING  
CLEAN UP  
5.5.12



## THIS IS ONLY A TEST

### OUTDOOR EMERGENCY WARNING SIREN TESTING BEGINS APRIL 2

The Boulder Office of Emergency Management (BOEM) will begin monthly testing of the county-wide outdoor emergency warning sirens, including those servicing Erie on Monday, April 2. According to BOEM, this year the siren tests will occur twice on each testing day, at 10:00am and 7:00pm. During monthly tests, the Alert Tone will sound for one minute. **The siren tests will take place on the first Monday of the month.**

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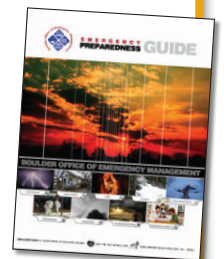
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Outdoor emergency warning siren tests are intended to ensure that all systems and procedures are working properly. Should Erie experience severe weather during one of the planned audible tests, the siren tests for that day may be cancelled. For more information, visit [www.BoulderOEM.com](http://www.BoulderOEM.com). The public is reminded that warning sirens are designed to alert those outdoors to seek shelter immediately and to listen to local news radio or TV for essential emergency information. Outdoor sirens are not intended to alert those indoors.

**BACKGROUND:** The Town of Erie and Mountain View Fire Protection District (MVFPD) installed an outdoor emergency warning siren for MVFPD's Station 6 located at Erie Parkway and Bonanza Drive. The siren augments the existing siren located on 111th Street in Lafayette which services southwestern Erie. Coordination and testing of the county-wide network of outdoor sirens is managed by the BOEM.

### FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS:

The public is encouraged to review their own emergency preparedness plans and discuss what they would do in the event of a flash flood or other emergency. For more information, visit [www.readycolorado.com](http://www.readycolorado.com) or [www.boulderoem.com](http://www.boulderoem.com), to download the Boulder County Emergency Preparedness Guide.



For more information about emergency notification systems including NOAA All Hazard Weather Alert Radios, search "Emergency Preparedness" on [erieco.gov](http://erieco.gov).



For more information on the Town of Erie Spring Clean-Up, please contact Raelynn Ferrera at 303-926-2872 or [rferrera@erieco.gov](mailto:rferrera@erieco.gov).



# 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS



ARBOR DAY  
& EARTH DAY  
4.28.12

**"Other holidays repose on the past.  
Arbor day proposes the future."**

—J. Sterling Morton (Arbor Day Founder)

## TOWN OF ERIE ANNUAL ARBOR DAY AND EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The 2012 Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 at Crescent Park located at 1300 Lombardi Street.

### 2012 Arbor Day and Earth Day

#### Activities Include:

- Free tree seedlings & educational materials
- Free refreshments
- Drawings for prizes & gift certificates
- Certified Arborist Q&A booth
- Hands-on tree plantings
- Flag ceremony
- Kids' activities

Erie Arbor Day is sponsored by the Town of Erie, the Erie Tree Board, and Tree City USA.



## 9HealthFair

OWN YOUR HEALTH

Saturday, April 21, 7:00am–12:00pm at the  
Erie Community Center

### Know Your Numbers

Below 100. Under 200. One hundred twenty over 80. Do you know what these numbers mean? You should. They are ideal levels for glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure.

The 9Health Fair has been providing educational programs and free and low cost health screenings—including blood chemistry screenings—for the past 31 years.

Please note: participants must be at least 18 years of age.

### Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed to help run Erie's 9Health Fair! Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed to draw blood, manage registration, provide screenings and more.

Contact Cindy Gerhardt at 303-926-2795 or [cgerhardt@erieco.gov](mailto:cgerhardt@erieco.gov) if you are interested.

## SHRED-A-THON AND DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Saturday, April 28, 10:00am–  
2:00pm at the Lafayette Wal-Mart  
(SE corner 745 N. Hwy. 287)

### CRIME STOPPERS SHRED-A-THON

The Erie Police Department and other law enforcement agencies are hosting a free document shredding event to help prevent you from becoming a victim of identity theft.

**What to Bring:** Old checks, bills, bank statements, credit card offers, medical records, tax forms, pay stubs, etc. **What NOT to Bring:** Newspapers, phone books, magazines, junk mail, plastic, cardboard or catalogues. **How Much to Bring:** 5 copy paper size boxes or 5 bags per small business or household.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

The Erie Police Department is a local co-sponsor of National Prescription Take Back Day, which focuses on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our family's medicine cabinets. A national prescription take back day provides a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

**Items Which Cannot Be Accepted for Take Back:** Needles and Sharps, Mercury (thermometers), Oxygen Containers, Chemotherapy/radioactive Substances, Pressurized Canisters, Illicit Drugs.

For more information on the Shred-a-thon and Prescription Drug Take Back Day, please contact the Erie Police Department at 303-926-2800.



Erie Arbor Day and Earth Day information: 303-926-2887 or [ghegner@erieco.gov](mailto:ghegner@erieco.gov).  
9Health Fair information: 303-926-2550 or [www.erieparksandrec.com](http://www.erieparksandrec.com).